

HOUSE RESOLUTION 261

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to honor United States Army Reserve
Ambassador John Dyess.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pleasure in paying tribute to those exemplary citizens who have devoted their careers and themselves to service in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, one such heroic citizen is John Dyess of Franklin, who renders meritorious service to this nation as a United States Army Reserve Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, a native of Knoxville who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, John Dyess enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1965 and served until his retirement on November 30, 1994, having attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Army Reserve, Ambassador Dyess served with the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade and later the 489th Civil Affairs Company. Following several Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) assignments, including the Joint Staff, he finished his military career with the 125th Army Reserve Command Support; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, Ambassador John Dyess has played an active leadership role in the Committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), serving two terms as ESGR State Chair and as a senior leader of the organization to this day; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador John Dyess is active in outreach efforts to elected officials, community and business leaders, and others in addition to supporting commanders, units, and soldiers throughout the Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exemplary service, Army Reserve Ambassador Dyess has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Secretary of Defense Award for Outstanding Public Service, the Distinguished Patriot Award from the Tennessee Military

Department, the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, and the James M. Roche Spirit of Volunteerism Award; and

WHEREAS, a two-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award, John Dyess was recently named a director of the Army Reserve Ambassador Association and represents the Southeastern United States in that prestigious organization; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, John Dyess is a member of the American Legion, the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council, and the Middle Tennessee Military Affairs Coalition; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, Ambassador Dyess has shared his time and talents with a number of civic and charitable organizations, including the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Knoxville Volunteer Ministry, and Knoxville Area Rescue Mission; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal accomplishments aside, John Dyess is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sandy, and their four children, Beth, Laine, Allison, and Stephanie; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Army Reserve Ambassador Dyess should be specially recognized on this special occasion, as he has distinguished himself as a leader of the greatest dedication and ability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor United States Army Reserve Ambassador John Dyess for his distinguished military career and thank him for his exemplary service to our great nation as we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.